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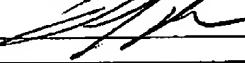
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTIMIZING THE DISPERSION
AND DISPERSION SLOPE FOR A DISPERSION MAP WITH SLOPE-
COMPENSATING OPTICAL FIBERS

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AMENDMENT A

This in response the first Official Action in this case mailed November 17, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed, along with the fee therefor, to extend the term for response from February 17, 2004 to March 17, 2004. No other extension of time is believed to be required. However, Applicants conditionally petition for an additional extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of the paper and include replacement sheets for all Figures.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

Appendix A is attached following page 17 of this paper. **Appendix A** includes six formal drawing sheets for Figures 1-6. Each of the attached drawing sheets is a "replacement" sheet.